

Rachel Yu

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA

Ph.D. Candidate, 2021-Current

- Sub-fields: American Politics, International Relations
- Chairs: Pamela Ban & Lawrence Broz

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

B.A. Government & Politics; B.S. Information Systems, 2021

- Minor: Asian American Studies
- High Honors and *Summa Cum Laude*

WORKING PAPERS

“Congressional Oversight Overseas” *Job Market Paper*

“Who Seeks Foreign Policy Information? Evidence from Congressional Delegations”
(*Under Review*)

“Trade Adjustment Assistance and Political Trust” with Søren Etzerodt & Ye June Jung (*Under Review*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Bureaucratic Compliance with Congressional Oversight”

DATA

Roberts, Margaret E., Lei Guang, Young Yang, Harris Doshay, and Rachel Yu (2023).
“[Congressional Tweets on China Dashboard](#)” and [Blog Post](#)

GRANTS & AWARDS

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
APSA Foreign Policy Section Travel Grant
Center for American Politics Graduate Student Seed Grant
Marsha Chandler Fellowship
21st Century China Center Fellowship

PRESENTATIONS

Women in Legislative Studies (2026, scheduled)
Yale Center for the Study of American Politics Conference (2025, poster)
Junior Americanist Workshop Series (2025)
Fudan-UC Center on Contemporary China Young Scholars Conference (2023)
Money in Politics APSA Pre-Conference (2023, discussant)

MPSA (2026)
APSA (2023, 2024, 2025)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD
US Foreign Policy (Summer I 2025)

TEACHING ASSISTANCE WITH SECTIONS

Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2024)

Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2023)

Culture, Art, and Technology (scheduled, Fall 2026-Spring 2027)

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

UCSD: U.S. Foreign Policy (Winter 2024), California Politics (Summer 2022), Introduction to International Relations (Summer 2022), Voting Rights Act (Winter 2022), Race & Law (Fall 2021)

UMD: Domestic Politics of China (Spring 2021), Scholarly Writing for the Humanities (Spring 2020-Fall 2021)

MENTORSHIP

Graduate Advocate (2024) and R Bootcamp TA (2025-2026) for the [Summer Training Academy for Research Success \(STARS\) Program](#).

- Mentored undergraduate students from Spelman & Morehouse Colleges and taught sessions on R and statistical analysis

Mentor for Research Assistance Mentorship Program (2025-2026)

Mentor for the UCSD Computational Social Sciences Program (2025-2026)

Graduate Tutor for Summer Methods Training for Political Science PhD Students (Summer 2023)

SERVICE

Reviewer for: *Party Politics*

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO:

Recruitment Co-Chair, UCSD Political Science Graduate Council (2024-2025)

Treasurer, UCSD Political Science Graduate Council (2025)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, AidData, College of William & Mary (2020-2021)

Intern, U.S. Department of State, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs (2019)

Intern, U.S. Census Bureau, Criminal Justice Statistics (2018)

Intern, National Legal Aid and Defenders Association (NLADA) (2018)

SKILLS

Computational: R, Python, SQL, VBA, PHP, HTML

Languages: Mandarin (intermediate)

REFERENCES

Pamela Ban

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